

Laboratory Technical Bulletin

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Title: Alere™ i RSV Molecular Testing

Test: Rapid Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) Testing

Explanation of change:

We are pleased to announce that we will begin offering the rapid molecular Alere™ i RSV test at both the Main Laboratory and Point of Care at Ithaca & Cortland Urgent Care Centers.

The Alere™ i test is significantly faster than other molecular methods and more accurate than conventional rapid testing giving you the confidence to make effective patient management decisions sooner. Molecular amplification increases the likelihood of detection and may compensate for suboptimal sample collection.

	Method	Collection	Ordering
Current	Antigen	Nasopharyngeal swab in M5 media Stable 72 hrs. refrigerated	RSV Antigen Screen
New	Molecular	<u>Urgent Care Centers</u> – direct nasopharyngeal swab* Stable 2 hrs room temp or 24 hrs refrigerated <u>Main Lab Testing</u> - nasopharyngeal green culturette swab* Stable 2 hrs room temp or 24 hrs refrigerated <u>Alternate:</u> nasopharyngeal swab in M5 media Stable 8 hrs room temp or 24 hrs refrigerated	<u>Urgent Care Centers</u> - UC Rapid RSV POC <u>Main Lab</u> - Rapid RSV Request

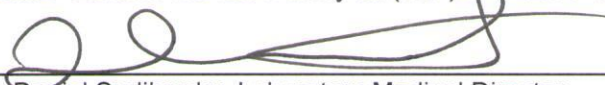
*Additional swabs/transport media may be acceptable. Contact micro lab for complete list of collection devices.

Please be sure to label collection swab with source.

Specimens will be rejected if source is not recorded on swab.

Collection of these specimens at Lab Patient Service Centers is prohibited by the New York State Department of Education. Specimens should be collected in physician office or patient can be seen at the Urgent Care Center – a visit fee will be required.

Please contact the laboratory at (607)274-4474 with any questions.

 Date 1/11/18
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